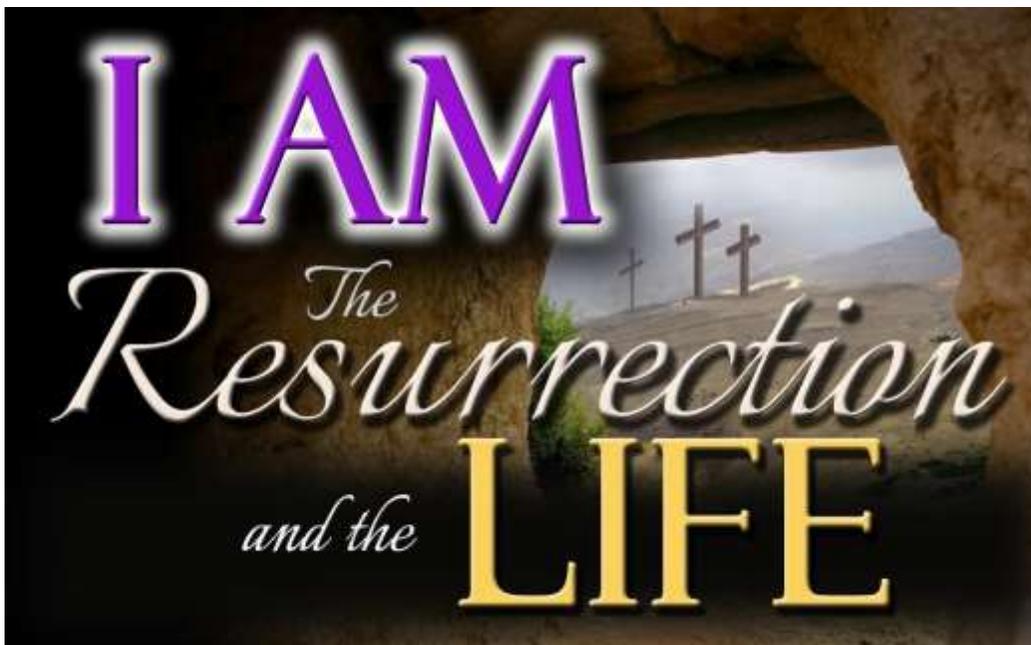


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Worship Leaders:

Rev. Alcris Limongi  
Musician: Eleanor Creasey  
Choral Support: Tania Lambert  
Sound: Susan Bailey

**PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH**

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*August 7, 2022 - 10:30 am*

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

Prelude      *“Sarabande / Nocturne”*      Eleanor Creasey  
*by Handel / by Mendelssohn, Public Domain*

Candle Lighting, Greeting and Life and Work of the Congregation  
Rev. Limongi

Call to Worship: (from John 11: 25-36)      Hugh Nelson

One: I am the Resurrection and the Life

**All: Anyone who believes in me, though they die, yet they shall live.**

One: I am the Resurrection and the Life

**All: And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die**

Prayer of Approach      Rev. Limongi

Hymn      **“Jesus, Stand Among Us”**      VU #396

**1    Jesus, stand among us  
      in your risen power;  
      let this time of worship  
      be a hallowed hour.**

**2    Breathe the Holy Spirit  
      into every heart;  
      bid the fears and sorrows  
      from each soul depart.**

**3    Lead our hearts to wisdom  
      till our doubting cease,  
      and to all assembled  
      speak your word of peace.**

Call and Prayer of Confession      Hugh Nelson

## Confession

Your compassion is without bounds, O God. You forgive us again and again. Today we come bearing the marks of a bitter and broken world; from anonymous places with dry and thirsty spirits. We confess that we sing and praise you, happy of heart and strong in spirit when we are among others who praise you too. But in times of stress, we seek relief and strength in other places other than you. Dry and lifeless, we come again, seeking your breath of life. As the night advances, refresh and make us whole with your forgiveness; deepen in us a sense of your unchanging and strong love for us in Jesus. Lead us to the place where our hopes lie buried and call us out from the tombs of despair. Call forth our faith, like Martha, that we may know you to be the resurrection and the life in this world and in the world to come. Through Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life we pray. Amen

Words Assuring Us of God's Forgiveness

Rev. Limongi

A Time with the Young People  
*(no Sunday School programme)*

John Harewood

Hymn:

**"In the Bulb There is a Flower"**

VU #703

- 1 In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.
- 2 There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

### TO LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lesson John 11: 17-45

Marc Lavoie, Jane Barbe and Susan Mailer

Musical Interlude

Eleanor Creasey

*"Stay With Us Through the Night"*

VU #182

**Stay with us through the night.**

**Stay with us through the pain.**

**Stay with us, blessed stranger  
till the morning breaks again.**

*"Joy Comes with the Dawn"*

VU #166

**Joy comes with the dawn;**

**joy comes with the morning sun;**

**joy springs from the tomb**

**and scatters the night with her song,**

**joy comes with the dawn.**

Message: *"I Am the Resurrection and the Life"*

Rev. Limongi

*Silence*

### TO RESPOND IN FAITHFULNESS

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *"Just As I Am"*

VU #508

Eleanor Creasey

Dedication of the Offering

Rev. Limongi

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Faye Beaufort

*Our Father, who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil;  
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen*

Hymn      “We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection”

VU #586

1      We shall go out with hope of resurrection;  
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;  
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;  
tales of a love that will not let us go.  
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;  
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;  
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united  
within the vision of new life in Christ.

2      We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;  
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;  
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,  
expressive love alive in every heart.  
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,  
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,  
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,  
including all in circles of our love.

Blessing and Sending Forth

Rev. Limongi

Postlude      “I See A New Heaven”

VU #713

Eleanor Creasey

I see a new heaven.  
I see a new earth  
as the old one will pass away,  
where the fountain of life flows  
and without price goes  
to all people who abide in the land.

- 1 There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,  
yielding her fruit, firm in her root,  
the Tree of Life will be. *R*
- 2 There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,  
body and soul, struggling but whole  
like flowers after the rain. *R*
- 3 There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.  
There where the night, bearing new light,  
reveals the promise of love. *R*
- 4 There, there where we work with the love of  
healing hands.  
Labour we must, true to our trust  
to build a promised new land.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bailey will be on holiday July 24 – August 14

Huda Kandalaft will be on holiday July 17 – August 18

Rev. Alcris Limongi will be on holiday August 16 – August 27

Summer Preaching series will feature the “**I Am**” statements of Jesus

## **Your Prayer Requests**

We are a congregation that cares and prays for one another in love and compassion. Now you can send a confidential prayer request to the new email address [prayer-requests@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:prayer-requests@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca) or continue to send requests to [alcris@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:alcris@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca) or you can use the prayer box at the back of the sanctuary if you want to be contacted. *We want you to know that we are here for you and that we stand together under God’s Grace.*

## SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION/REFLECTION – “FALLING UPWARD” BY RICHARD ROHR

This book explores the spirituality of the second half of our lives.  
*“Most of us tend to think of the second half of life as largely about getting old,*

*dealing with health issues, and letting go of life, but the whole thesis of this book is exactly the opposite. What looks like falling down can largely be experienced as "falling upward." In fact, it is not a loss but somehow actually a gain'.*

### *Falling Upward*

- Explains why the second half of life can and should be full of spiritual richness
- Offers a new view of how spiritual growth happens? Loss is gain.
- Richard Rohr explores the counterintuitive message that we grow spiritually much more by doing wrong than by doing right.

Participants are not required to read the whole book, you can just browse it and look for a phrase or a paragraph that sparks your imagination, even the concept of falling upwards... We will be sharing our questions and reflections in small groups and plenary.

You can purchase the book on Amazon.

Dates: August 17, 24 and 31 at 6:30 pm on Zoom

Facilitated by Kathleen Stephenson and Rev. Alcris

For questions or registration email [alcris@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:alcris@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca)

The ZOOM link will be sent out on Wednesday, August 17.

## **WE NEED...**

**10 PEOPLE** to join a book-reading group in September. ***"How Did I Get to Be 70 When I'm 35 Inside?: Spiritual Surprises of Later Life.*** More details to come.

**CANCER PRAY-ERS** to join the Cancer Prayer Team once a week on Fridays at 3:30pm by phone. No experience necessary.

**FRIENDLY VISITORS** to visit with people who cannot come to the church, shut-ins, seniors. No experience necessary, however, a guideline will be provided.

If you have any questions concerning any of the three items above, please contact [alcris@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:alcris@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca)

## 2023 CANADIAN CHURCH CALENDAR ORDER

Parkdale members are invited to order their 2023 Canadian Church Calendars by Friday, August 26, 2022 by contacting the Church Office at 613-728-8656 or at [pdale@trytel.com](mailto:pdale@trytel.com) The UCRD (United Church Resource Department) has announced that the 2023 Canadian Church Calendars are now available to be ordered at a cost of \$7.49 each, a considerable increase from last year's base price. It is, though, offering a 35% discount for bulk orders over 50 received before August 31, 2022. With that discount, the base price will drop to \$4.87 plus tax.

Your order will be part of a larger order from other local United Churches and UCW (United Church Women) groups sponsored by the Ottawa Region UCW and Parkdale United Church.

Last year Parkdale placed an order for 250 calendars on behalf of the Ottawa Region UCW and local churches. We expect to have delivery of the calendars sometime in September.

***PSST...*** Gay Pride festival week is August 20-28 with the parade on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Also, a Pride picnic in Hintonburg Park will be held on both Sundays.